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# Residential and Commercial Offers

## Residential New Construction

- **Low-Rise New Construction**
  - Performance Path – based upon a % improvement over the MA baseline – incentives up to \$7,000
  - Prescriptive Path – incentives up to \$7,000 for measures beyond MA baseline
- **High-Rise New Construction**
  - Incentives based upon actual measures

## Commercial New Construction

- **Incentives for efficiency levels beyond code:**
  - **Whole building incentives**
  - **System incentives including**
    - Air Compressors
    - Chillers
    - Lighting and Lighting Controls
    - Gas-Fired Heating Equipment
    - Variable Speed Drives
    - Custom Measures
    - And more

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# The Residential Energy Code 2009 IECC to 2012 IECC

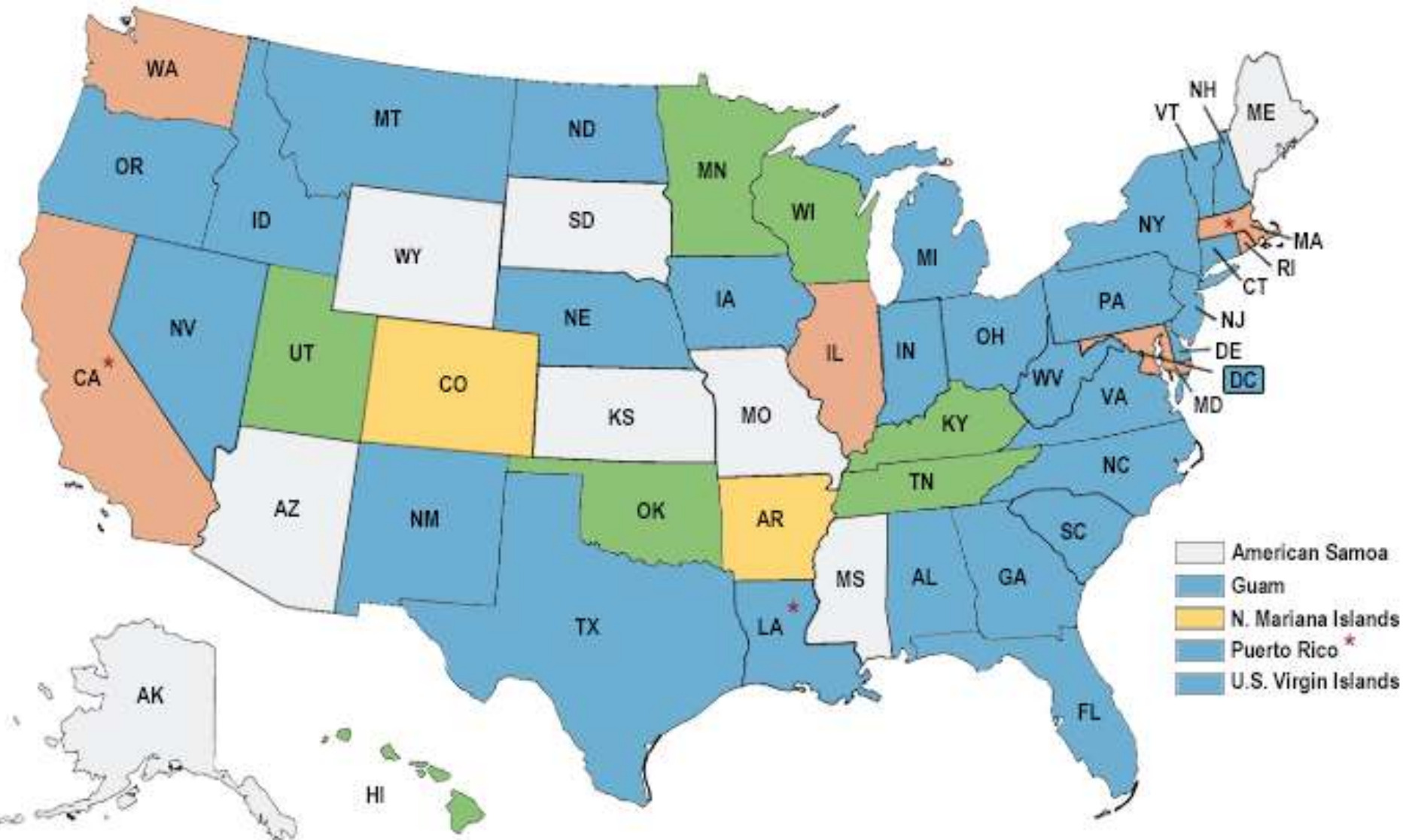


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# Learning Objectives

1. Compare 2009 and 2012 IECC
2. Understand performance testing
3. Review MA amendments
4. Examine HERS rating



**6** IECC 2012, equivalent or more energy efficient

**30** IECC 2009, equivalent or more energy efficient

**3** IECC 2003, equivalent or less energy efficient

**8** IECC 2006, equivalent or more energy efficient

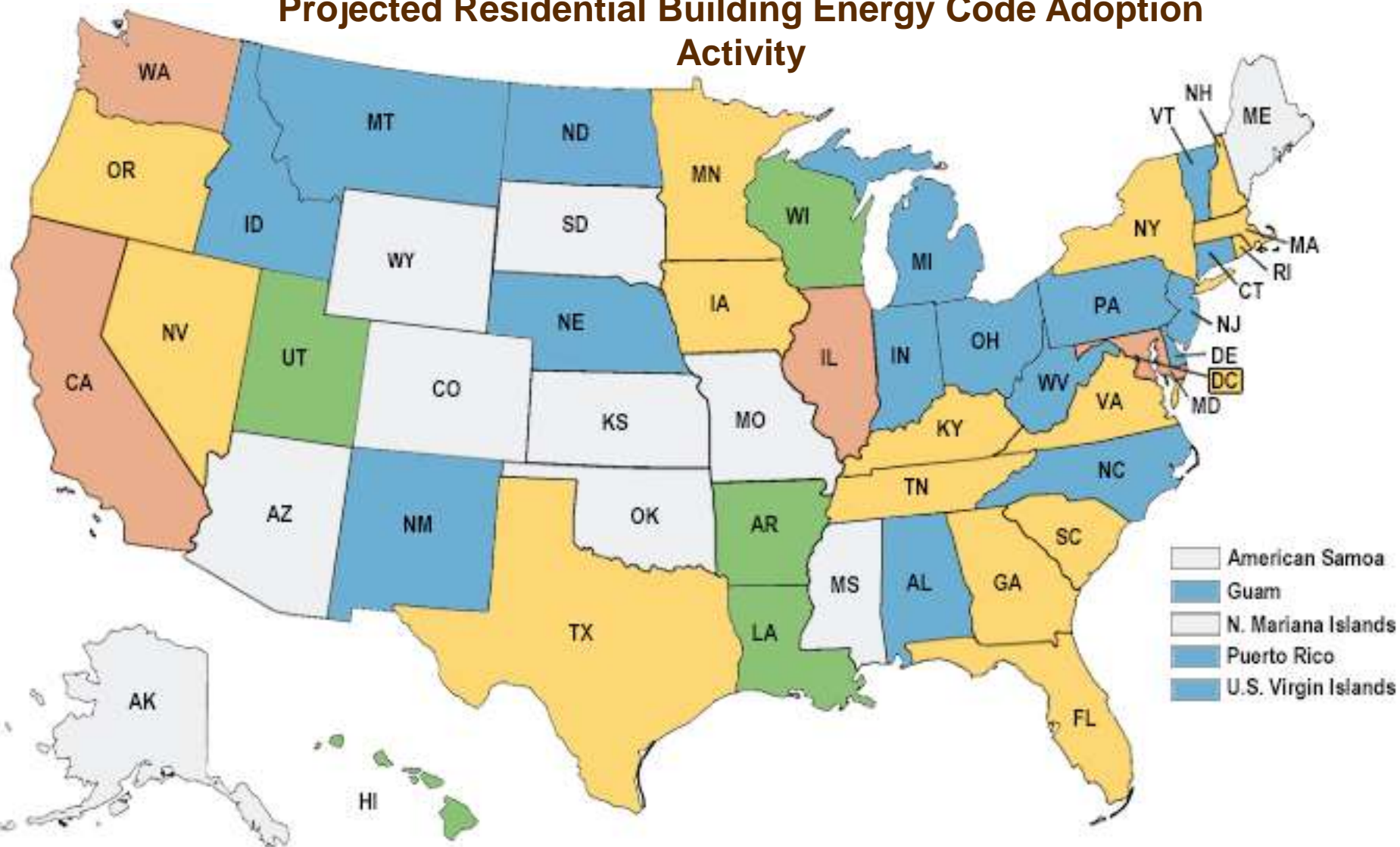
**9** No Statewide Code

\* Adopted new Code to be effective at a later date

As of November 2013



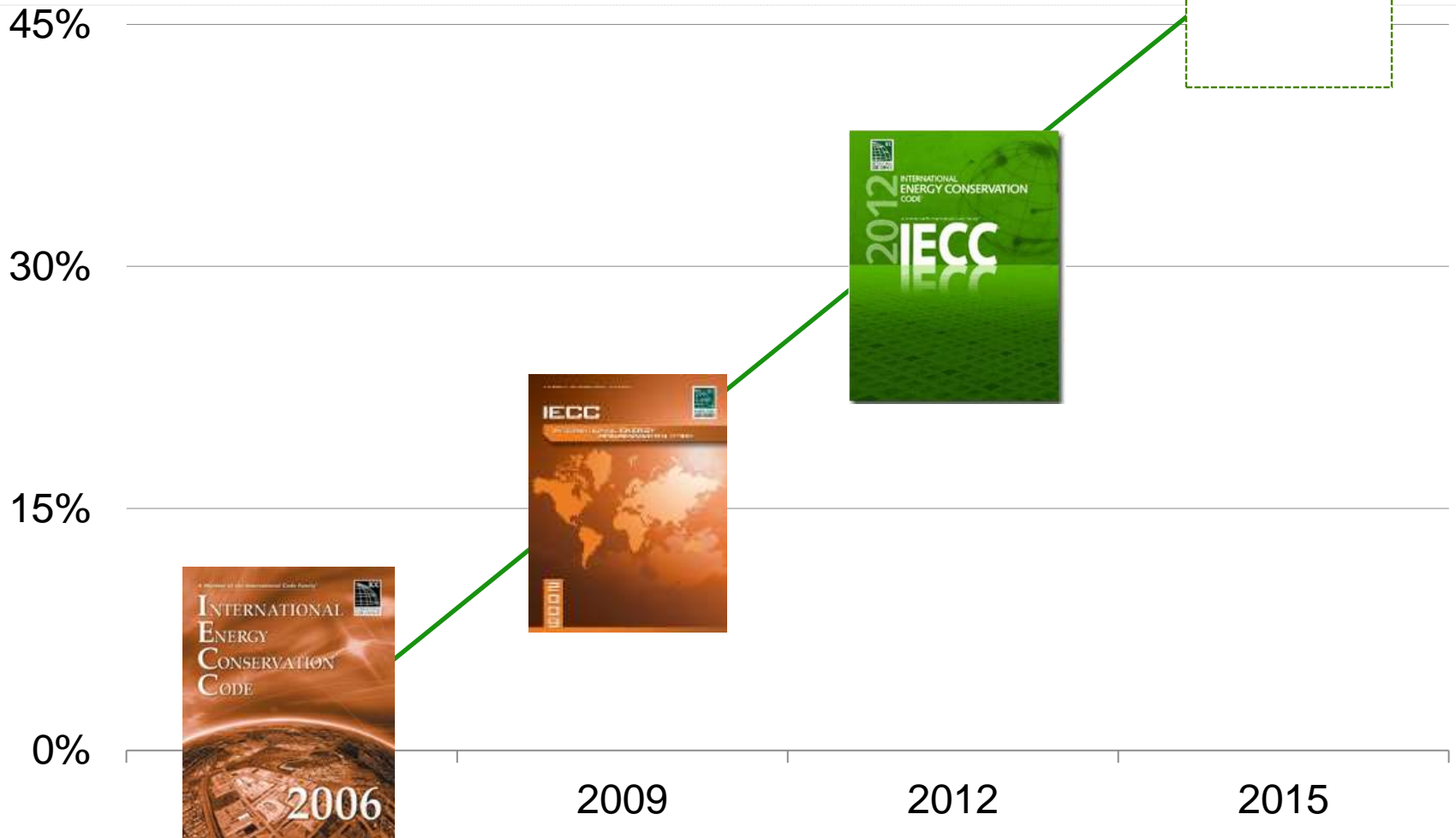
# Projected Residential Building Energy Code Adoption Activity



As of November 2013

# Energy Savings

**50%**









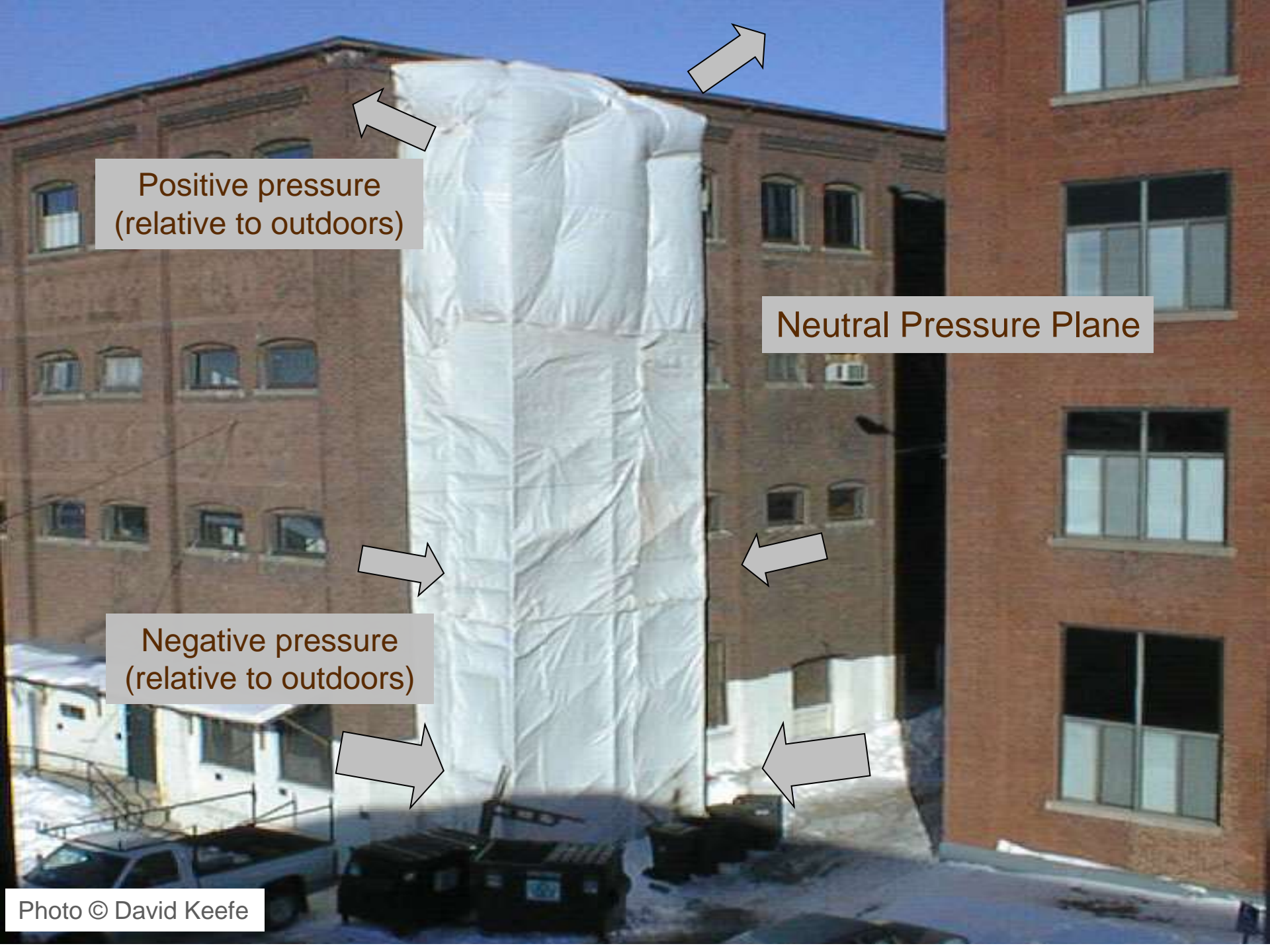












Positive pressure  
(relative to outdoors)

Neutral Pressure Plane

Negative pressure  
(relative to outdoors)













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# Chapter 1

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## Scope and Administration

## Part 1 – Scope & Application

This code applies to residential buildings, *\*the building sites, and associated systems*

*\*Note - new content & MA Amendments in green*

## R101.4 – Existing Buildings

- Except as specified in this chapter, this code shall not be used to require the removal, alteration or abandonment... of an existing building or building system
- *Renovations & Repairs* to an existing building.. .. *shall conform* to this code *as they relate to new construction*

## R101.4 – Applicability: Exemptions

- Low energy buildings
  - Less than 1 watt or 3.4 btu/h per sq. ft. of floor area
- Unconditioned buildings
- Historic buildings/structures
  - Listed on State or National Register
  - Designated as historic under local or state designation



## R101.4.3 – Exceptions

- *Storm windows* over existing fenestration
- *Glass replacement* in existing sash and frame
- Existing ceiling, wall, or floor cavities exposed during construction provided that these cavities are *filled with insulation*

## R101.4.3 – Exceptions

- Where existing roof, wall, or floor *cavity* is *not exposed*
- Reroofing where *neither sheathing nor insulation is exposed*

## R303.1.1.1 Blown Identification

1/300 SF in  
attic, *facing*  
access

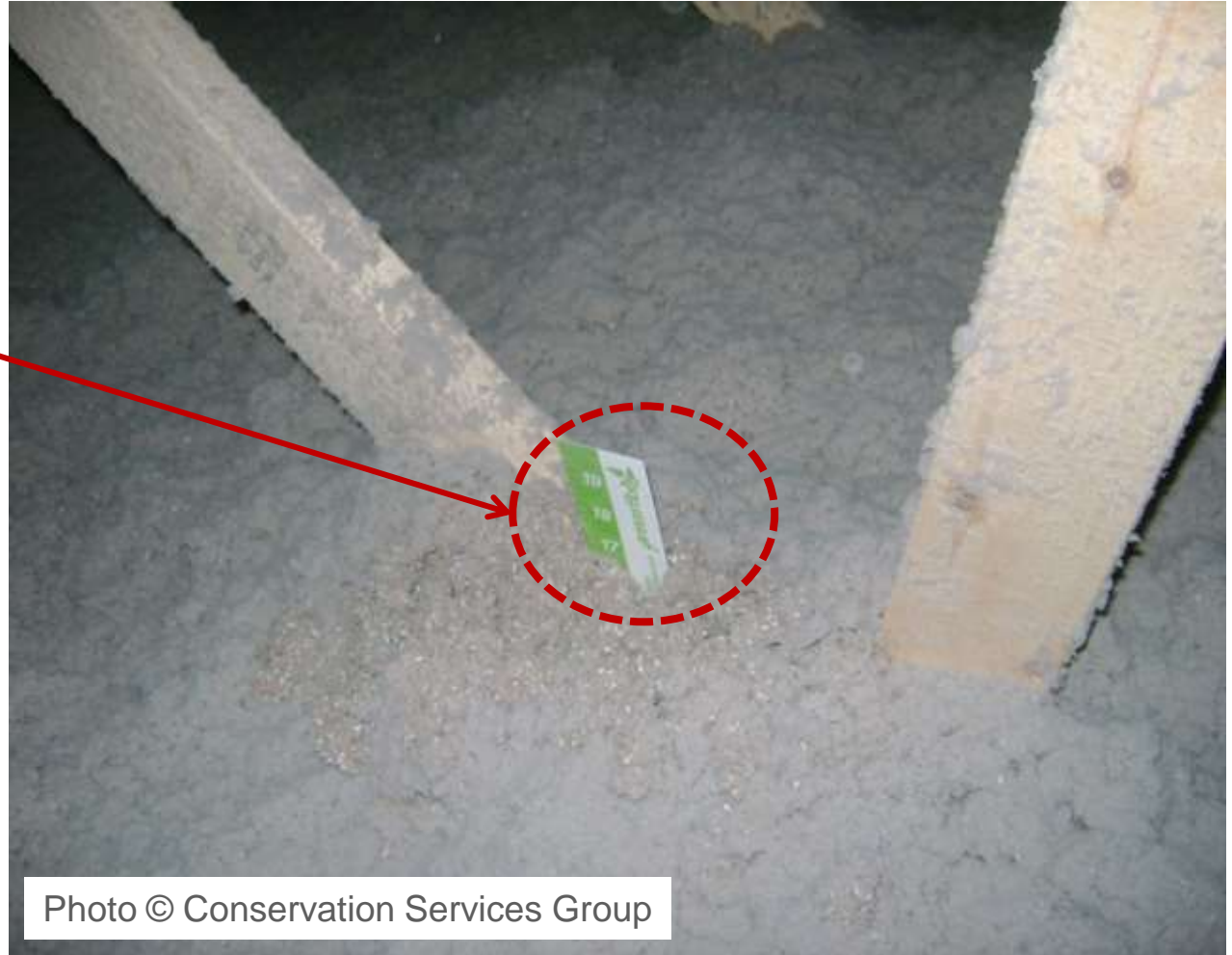


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# General Insulation Requirements

All materials. . . shall be installed  
according to **manufacturer's**  
**Instructions. . .**

# Good Examples of “Bad” Insulation







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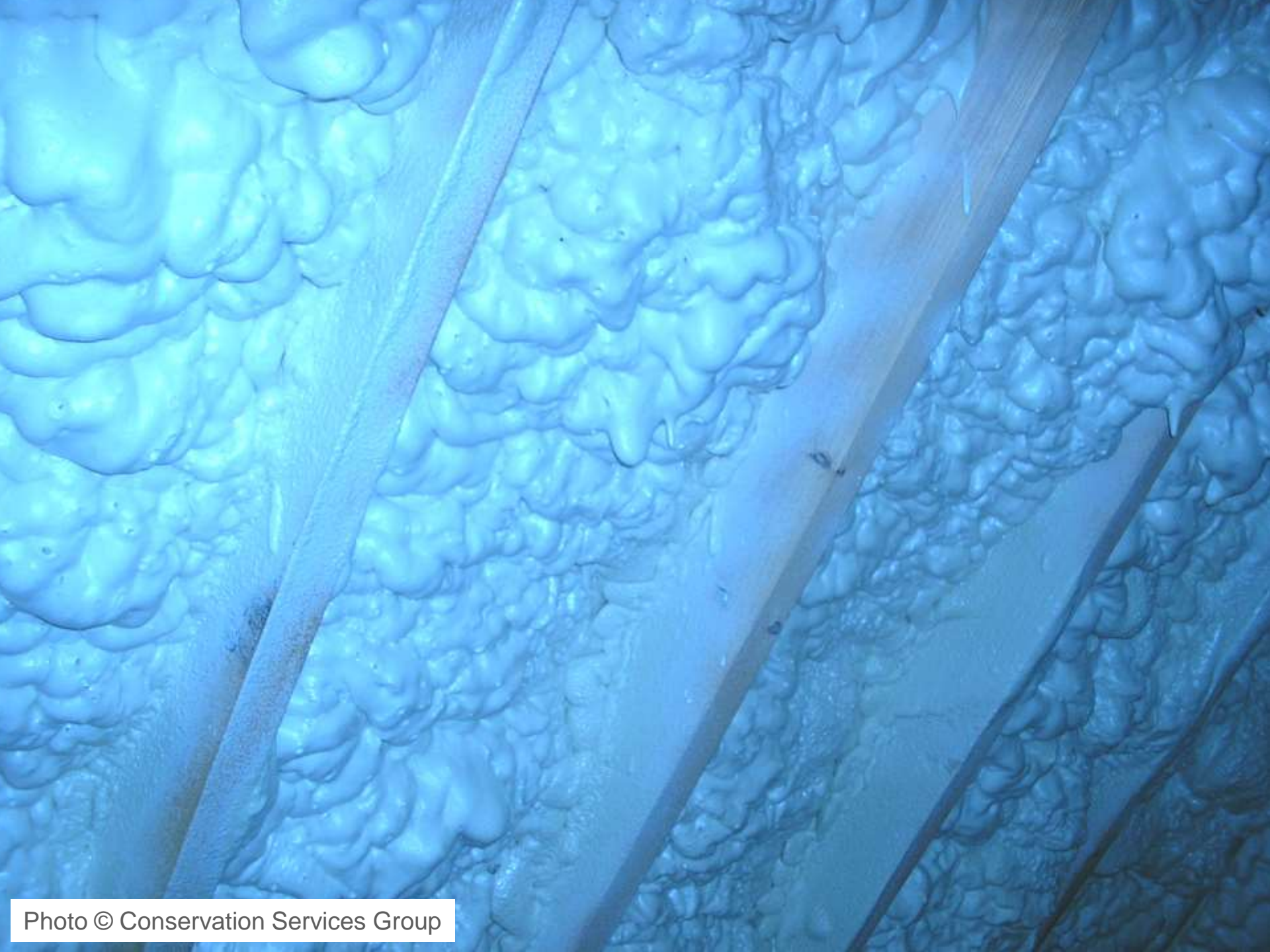








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# Chapter 4

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## Prescriptive

Figure R401.3			
A certificate similar to this shall be attached to or near the electrical panel board			
ENERGY CERTIFICATE			
Street Address			
City / Town			
Predominant Values			
R-Value Ceiling / Roof			
R- Value Walls			
R- Value Ducts (outside conditioned space)			
U Factor Fenestration			
SHGC Fenestration			
Gas Fired Un-vented Room Heater			
Baseboard Electric Heater			
Electric Furnace			
U Factor Skylight / SHGC			
AFUE Value Boiler / Furnace			
Efficiency and type of heating equipment			
Efficiency and type of cooling equipment			
Efficiency and type of service water heater			
Contractor or Design Professional			
Address			
Registration			
		Signature	

## R401.2 – Compliance

- Projects shall comply with
  - Mandatory Sections and  
either
  - Prescriptive  
or
  - Performance Sections

# R402 – General Insulation Requirements (Prescriptive)

- Thermal envelope shall meet either:
  - Table R402.1.1 - R-value computation:
    - Cavity plus insulating sheathing
    - Settled R-value – blown materials
    - But NOT other material or air films
  - Table R402.1.3 – Assembly U-factors
  - R402.1.4 – Total UA alternative
    - Sum of U factors multiplied by the assembly area





# R402.1.1– Prescriptive Requirements - Zone 5

Component	2009	2012
Windows	U-0.35	<b>U-0.32</b>
Skylight	U-0.60	<b>U-0.55</b>
Ceiling	R-38	<b>R-49</b>
Frame Wall	R-20 <i>or</i> R-13 + 5	R-20 <i>or</i> R-13 + 5
Mass Wall	13/ 17 (Ext/Int)	13/17 (Ext/Int)*
Floor	30	30
Basement/crawlspace Wall	R-10/R-13	<b>R-15/19</b>
Slab R-Value & Depth	R-10, 2 ft.	R-10, 2 ft.

- UA: U-factor times assembly area
- Building thermal envelope
- Include the thermal bridging effects of framing materials





# REScheck Inputs

	Component	Assembly	Gross Area		Cavity Insulation R-Value	Continuous Insulation R-Value	U-Factor	UA
	Building							
1	Cond>unc bsmnt	All-Wood Joist/Truss:Ove... ▼	1286	ft2	30.0	0.0	0.033	42
2	Cond>amb	Wood Frame, 16" o.c. ▼	2155	ft2	13.0	7.5	0.049	87
3	Windows 1	Vinyl Frame:Double Pane ... ▼	350	ft2			0.36	126
4	Door 1	Solid ▼	38	ft2			0.16	6
5	Cond>garage	Wood Frame, 16" o.c. ▼	281	ft2	13.0	7.5	0.049	14
6	Cond>unc bsmnt	Wood Frame, 16" o.c. ▼	116	ft2	13.0	0.0	0.082	6
7	Window 2	Vinyl Frame:Double Pane ... ▼	23	ft2			0.36	8
8	Door 2	Solid ▼	17	ft2			0.77	13
9	Cond>attic	Wood Frame, 16" o.c. ▼	292	ft2	20.0	0.0	0.059	17
10	Unc bsmnt>amb	Wood Frame, 16" o.c. ▼	223	ft2	20.0	0.0	0.059	12
11	Door 3	Solid ▼	14	ft2			0.38	5
12	Flat	Flat Ceiling or Scissor Truss ▼	716	ft2	30.0	0.0	0.035	25
13	Sloped	Cathedral Ceiling ▼	722	ft2	30.0	0.0	0.034	25

# R402 – Prescriptive Path

- Specific Insulation Requirements

R-38 if over top plate

Not for U-factor or UA alternatives





Insulation = surrounding surfaces

Weather-stripped

Retainer for loose fill insulation



Access to equipment prevents damage





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## R402.2.3 – Eave Baffle (Prescriptive)

For air permeable insulation in vented attics, a baffle (any solid material) shall be installed, shall maintain an opening greater than or equal to the size of the vent, shall extend over top of insulation



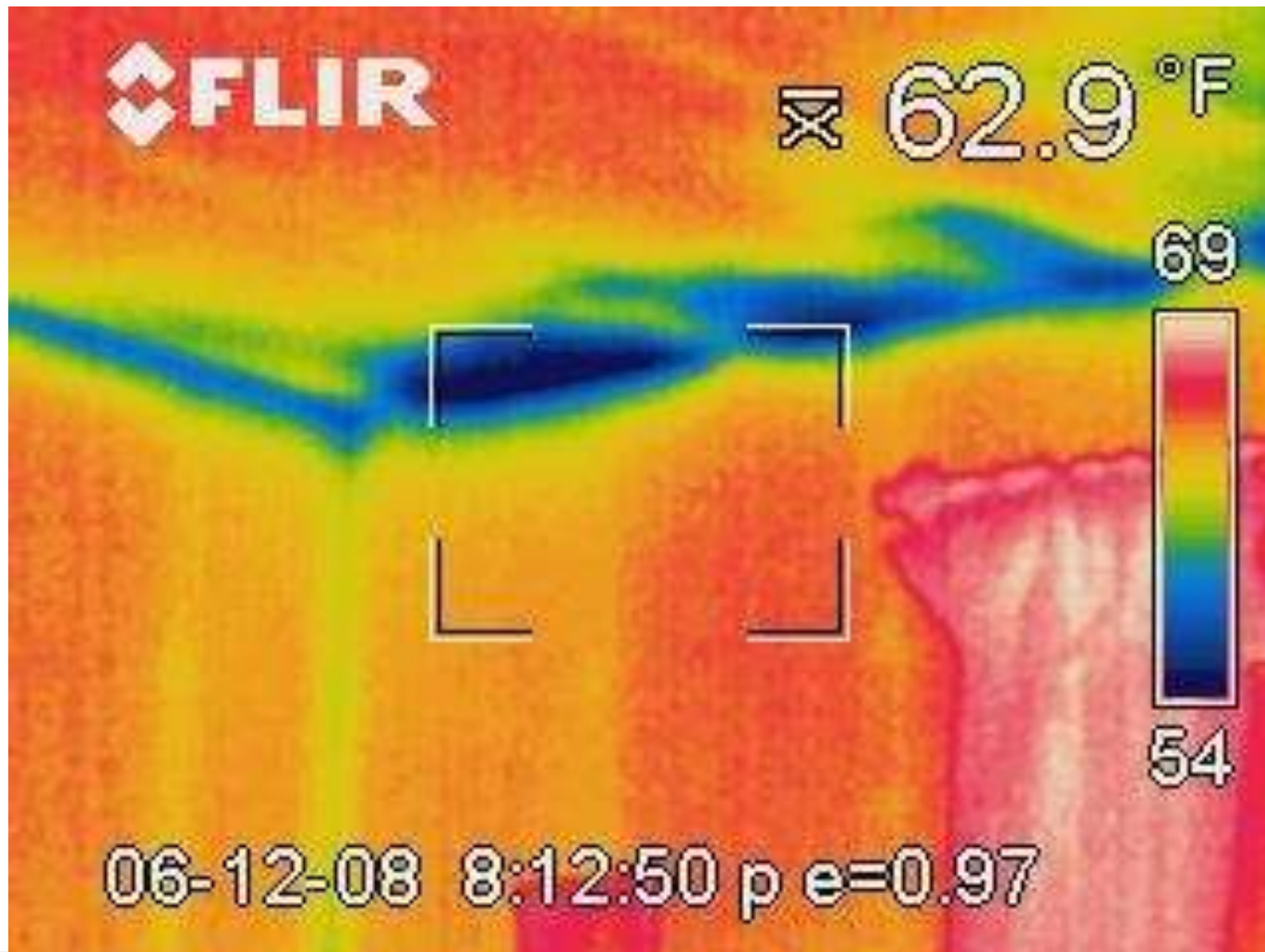
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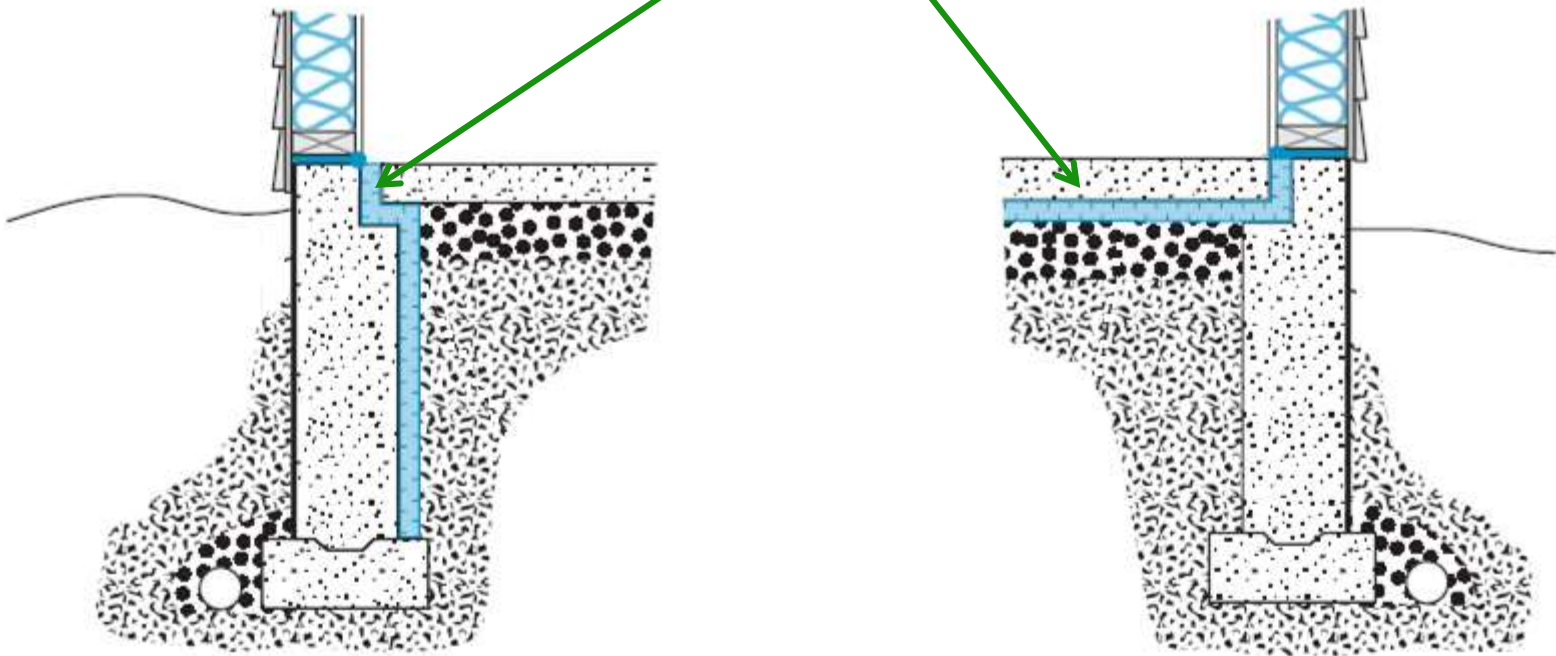


# Wind Washed Insulation: IR Image



# R402.2.9 Slab Edge Interior Insulation (Prescriptive)

R-10 for 2' - horizontal/vertical/combination)



R-15 for heated slabs

# Slab on Grade

Insulation under  
entire slab with  
beveled  
perimeter

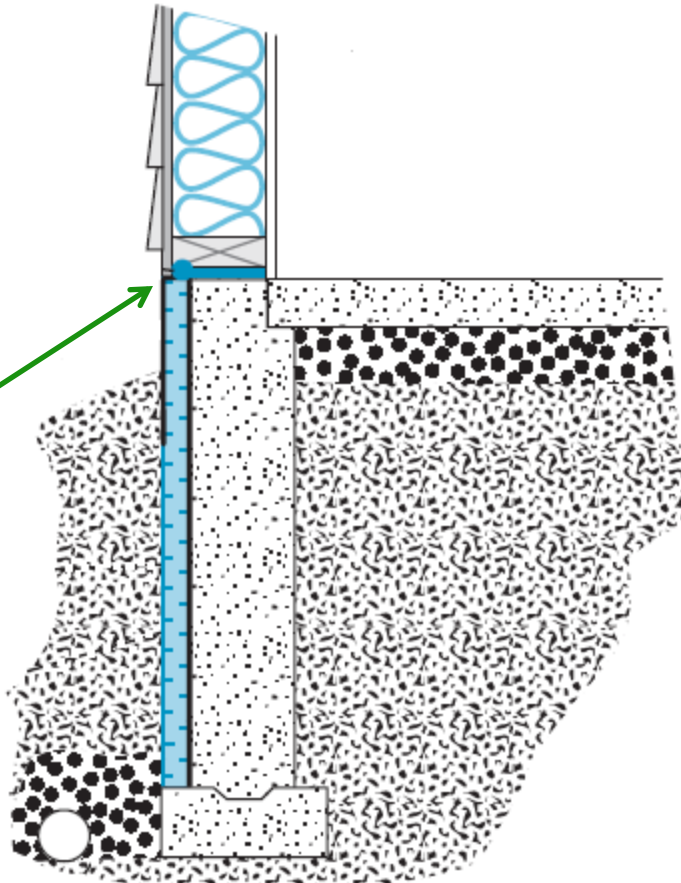


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# Slab edge exterior insulation

2' of R-10

Protect insulation,  
Install termite shield





# Chapter 4

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## Air Leakage – Checklist

### Mandatory

# R402.4.1 thru R402.4.4 – Air Leakage (Mandatory)

**2009**

Table 402.4.2

*OR*

7.0 ACH50

**2012**

Table R402.4.1.1

*AND*

3.0 ACH50



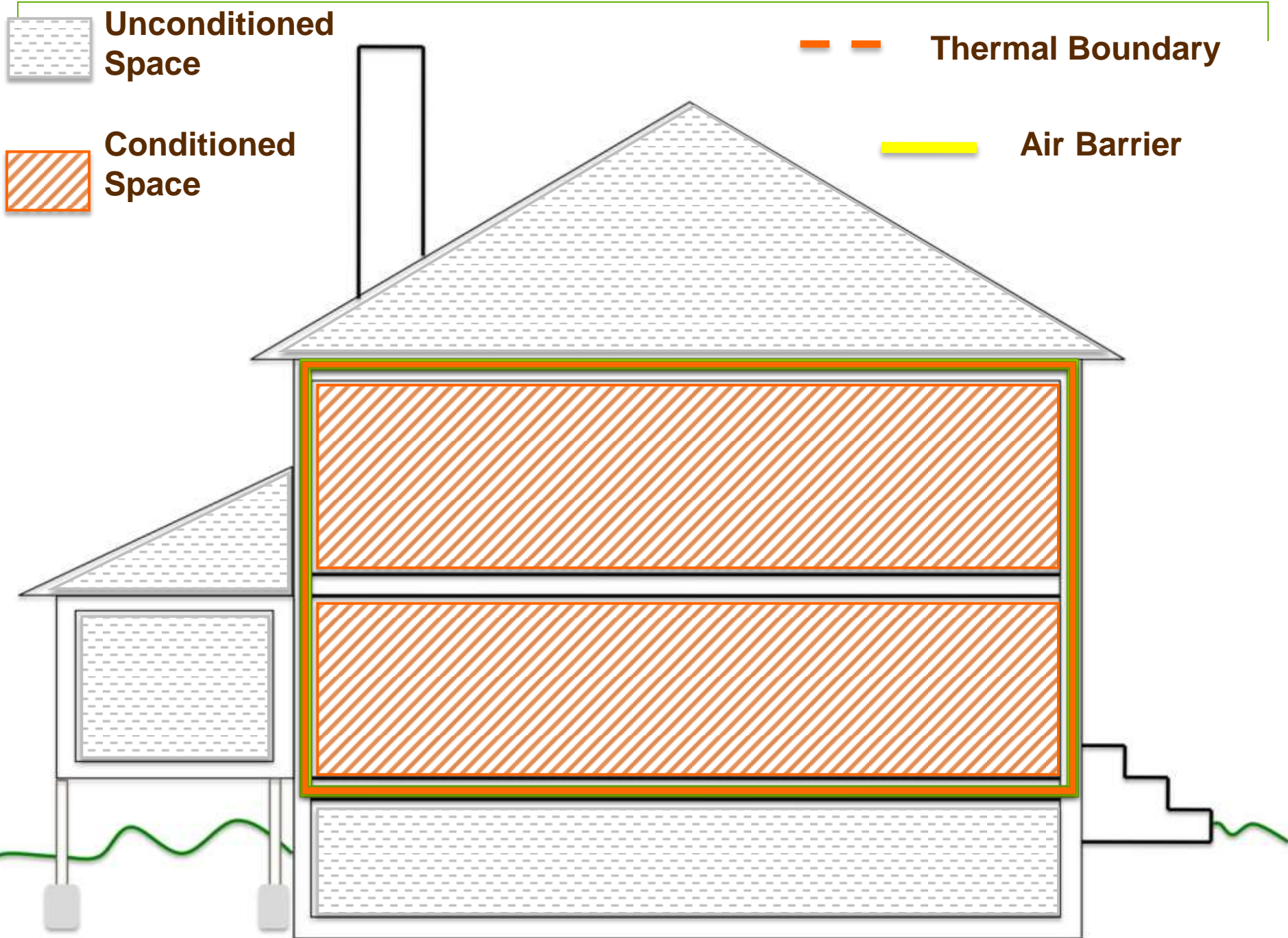
**TABLE 402.4.2**  
**AIR BARRIER AND INSULATION INSPECTION COMPONENT CRITERIA**

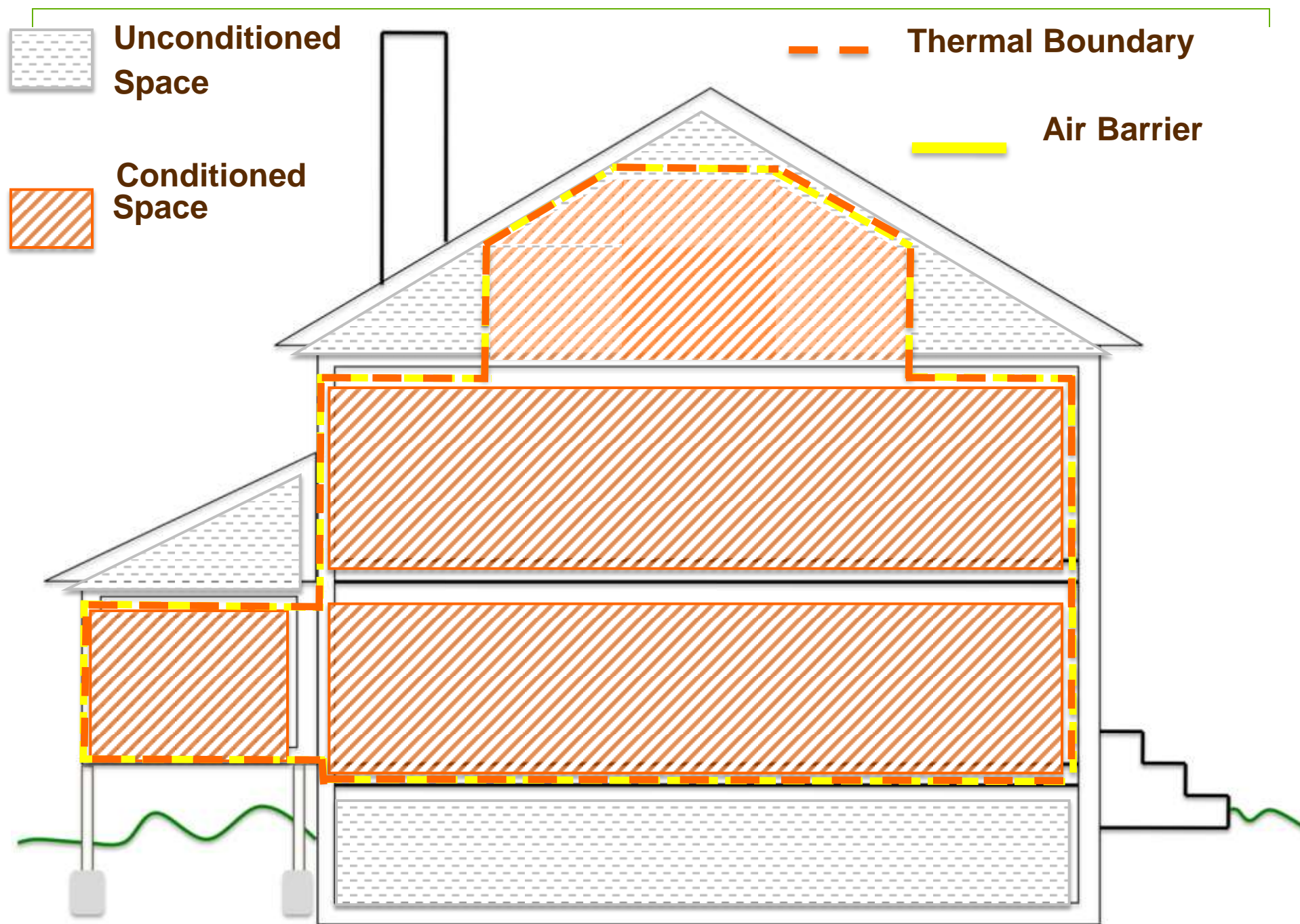
COMPONENT	CRITERIA
Air barrier and thermal barrier	Exterior thermal envelope insulation for framed walls is installed in substantial contact and continuous alignment with building envelope air barrier. Breaks or joints in the air barrier are filled or repaired. Air-permeable insulation is not used as a sealing material. Air-permeable insulation is inside of an air barrier.
Ceiling/attic	Air barrier in any dropped ceiling/soffit is substantially aligned with insulation and any gaps are sealed. Attic access (except unvented attic), knee wall door, or drop down stair is sealed.
Walls	Corners and headers are insulated. Junction of foundation and sill plate is sealed.
Windows and doors	Space between window/door jambs and framing is sealed.
Rim joists	Rim joists are insulated and include an air barrier.
Floors (including above-garage and cantilevered floors)	Insulation is installed to maintain permanent contact with underside of subfloor decking. Air barrier is installed at any exposed edge of insulation.
Crawl space walls	Insulation is permanently attached to walls. Exposed earth in unvented crawl spaces is covered with Class I vapor retarder with overlapping joints taped.
Shafts, penetrations	Duct shafts, utility penetrations, knee walls and flue shafts opening to exterior or unconditioned space are sealed.
Narrow cavities	Batts in narrow cavities are cut to fit, or narrow cavities are filled by sprayed/blown insulation.
Garage separation	Air sealing is provided between the garage and conditioned spaces.
Recessed lighting	Recessed light fixtures are air tight, IC rated, and sealed to drywall. Exception—fixtures in conditioned space.
Plumbing and wiring	Insulation is placed between outside and pipes. Batt insulation is cut to fit around wiring and plumbing, or sprayed/blown insulation extends behind piping and wiring.
Shower/tub on exterior wall	Showers and tubs on exterior walls have insulation and an air barrier separating them from the exterior wall.
Electrical/phone box on exterior walls	Air barrier extends behind boxes or air sealed-type boxes are installed.
Common wall	Air barrier is installed in common wall between dwelling units.
HVAC register boots	HVAC register boots that penetrate building envelope are sealed to subfloor or drywall.
Fireplace	Fireplace walls include an air barrier.

# Code Official Prerogative

- *Where required* by the code official, an approved 3<sup>rd</sup> party...
  - Inspect Air Barrier/Insulation Table
- Signed, written report to be provided to code official







## R402.4.1.1 – Air Barrier and Thermal Barrier (Mandatory)

- ▶ A continuous air barrier shall be installed in the building envelope
- ▶ Exterior thermal envelope contains a continuous air barrier





## R402.4.1.1 – Air & Thermal Barrier (Mandatory)



Breaks/joints in  
air barrier shall  
be sealed

## R402.4.1.1 – Air & Thermal Barrier (Mandatory)



Air permeable insulation shall not be used as a sealing material

## R402.4.1.1 – Ceiling/Attic (Mandatory)

Air barrier in dropped ceiling/soffit  
aligned  
with insulation and gaps sealed





# Soffit Missing Air Barrier





## R402.4.1.1 – Walls (Mandatory)

Corners and headers  
are insulated



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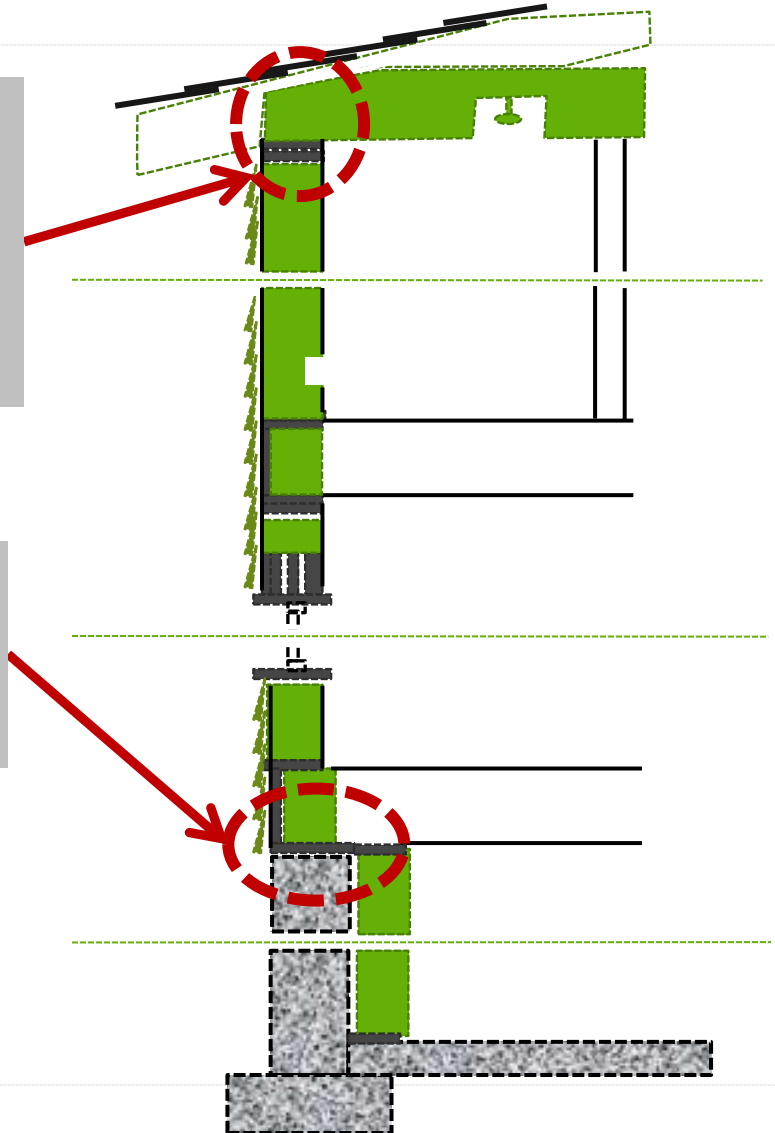


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## R402.4.1.1 – Walls (Mandatory)

The junction of the top plate and top of exterior walls shall be sealed

Junction of foundation and sill plate is sealed





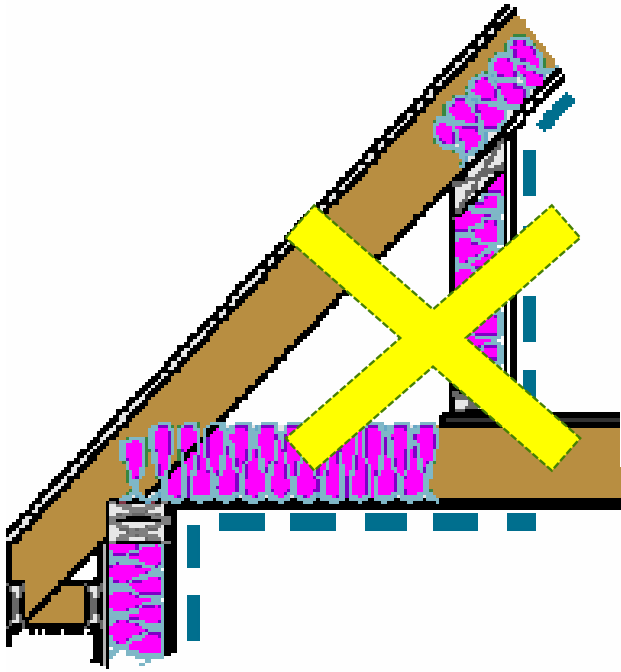
## R402.4.1.1 – Walls (Mandatory)

Insulation shall be installed in substantial contact  
and continuous alignment with the air barrier

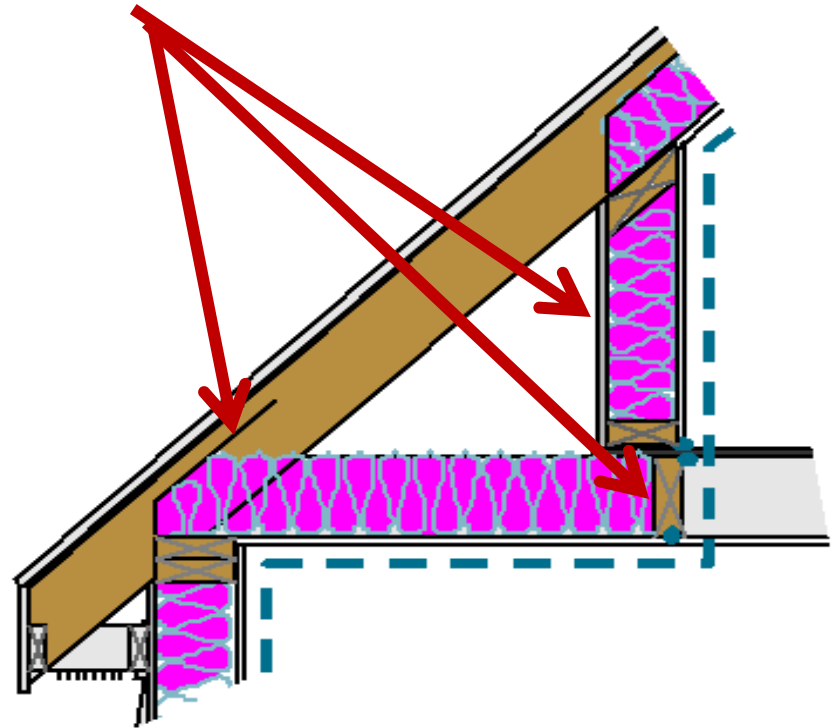


## R402.4.1.1 – Walls (Mandatory)

Knee walls shall be sealed



**WRONG**



**RIGHT**

## R402.4.1.1 – Rim Joists (Mandatory)



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Insulate and  
include air  
barrier



## R402.4.1.1 – Floors (Mandatory)



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ed to maintain  
with underside of



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## R402.4.1.1 – Floors (Mandatory)



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**Air Barrier installed at any exposed edge of insulation**



## R402.4.1.1 – Crawlspace Walls (Mandatory)

Insulation *permanently* attached









## R402.4.1.1 – Shafts/Penetrations: Sealed (Mandatory)



- Duct shafts
- Utility penetrations
- Knee walls
- Flue shafts opening to exterior/  
unconditioned space

# Why Air/Thermal Boundaries Matter?



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## R402.4.1.1 – Narrow Cavities (Mandatory)

Batts -

- Cut to fit  
or
- Spray/blow insulation



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# Garage Separation



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ZIP System® wall between  
garage and house

## R402.4.4 – Recessed Lighting Fixtures (Mandatory)

- Installed in thermal envelope - shall be IC rated and *air tight*
- ASTM E 283: No more than 2.0 CFM air movement
- Housing sealed or gasketed to finish



# R402.4.1.1 – Showers and Tubs (Mandatory)



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## R402.4.1.1 – HVAC Register Boots (Mandatory)

*Sealed* to subfloor or drywall



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## R402.4.1.1 – Fireplaces (Mandatory)



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Fireplace walls include an air barrier

## R402.4.1.1 – Fireplaces (Mandatory)

New wood burning fireplaces shall have  
\*gasketed doors



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*\*new to  
checklist*



## R402.4.2 – Fireplaces (Mandatory)

New wood burning fireplaces shall have tight-fitting flue dampers and outdoor combustion air



# Chapter 4

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## Air Leakage – Standards & Testing





## R402.4 – Air Leakage (Mandatory)

**2009**

Table 402.4.2

*OR*

7.0 ACH50

**2012**

Table R402.4.1.1

*AND*

3.0 ACH50

- IECC 2009 – **7 ACH50** (Performance)
- MA utility program through 2006 – **5 ACH50**
- Canadian R-2000 – **1.5 ACH50**
- Passive house – **0.6 ACH50**
- IECC 2012 – **3 ACH50**



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# Air Changes/Hour @ 50 Pa (ACH50)

- Describes flow in relation to volume
- Number of times per hour air equal to volume of building moves in/out

# What is ACH50?

$$ACH50 = \frac{CFM50 \times 60}{Volume}$$

## Information needed:

CFM @ 50 Pascals = 1,420 CFM  
plus...

Volume of the home

## What is the ACH50?

$$ACH50 = \frac{CFM50 \times 60}{Volume}$$

$$Volume = 1,536 \times 8 = 12,288 \text{ cu. ft}$$

$$ACH50 = \frac{1,420 \text{ cfm} \times 60}{12,288 \text{ cu. ft}} = 6.93 \text{ ACH50}$$



# Code Compliant?

$$ACH50 = \frac{614 \text{ cfm} \times 60}{12,288 \text{ cu. ft}} = 3.0$$

~~ACH50 =  $\frac{1,420 \text{ cfm} \times 60}{12,288 \text{ cu. ft}}$  = 6.93 ACH50~~

# MA Amendment

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## Air Leakage Testing & Verification

## R402.4.1.2 - Air Leakage Testing

- Testing and verification shall be done by one of the following:
  - HERS Rater
  - HERS Rating Field Inspector
  - BPI Certified Professional
  - BBRS *approved* Third party
- Using RESNET approved equipment

# Chapter 4

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## Systems



## R403.2.2 – Duct Sealing (Mandatory)

- Duct
- Joint
- U
- F

Sealed  
C



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## R403.2.2 – Duct Testing (Mandatory)

		2009	2012
Post-Construction	Total Leakage	12	
	Leakage to Outside	8	
Rough-in	Total Leakage	6	
	Total Leakage w/out air handler	4	

## R403.2.2 – Duct Testing (Mandatory)

		2009	2012
Post-Construction	Total Leakage	12	4
	Leakage to Outside	8	n/a
	Total Leakage	6	4
Rough-in	Total Leakage w/out air handler	4	3

No duct testing required if all ducts are within conditioned space

Duct sealing is always required.



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## R403.2.2 - Duct Leakage Testing - MA

- Post construction or rough-in testing and verification shall be done by one of the following:
  - HERS Rater
  - HERS Rating Field Inspector
  - BPI Certified Professional
  - BBRS *approved* Third party
- Following approved testing standards

# Benefits of Duct Sealing

- Improved comfort
  - Increases delivery of conditioned air
- Improved indoor air quality
  - Reduces distribution of pollutants; dirt, dust, mold, fumes from solvents, radon gas, and CO
- Better humidity control
  - Recirculates conditioned air over evaporator coil
- Lower utility bills

# Get Ducts Out of Unconditioned Spaces!



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# Why Bring Ducts Inside?

- Eliminate need to insulate / test ducts
- Reduce callbacks
- Ensure load calculation works
  - Do not lose capacity



## R403.2.2.1 – Sealed Air Handler (Mandatory)

Air handler leakage  
rate no more than  
2% of design flow  
rate



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## R403.2.2.3 – Ducts (Mandatory)

Building  
cavities  
shall not be  
used as  
ducts or  
plenums



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# Pipe Insulation (Mandatory)

- Below 55°
- Above 105°
  - R-3 required



- Insulation exposed to the weather shall be protected from damage
- Adhesive tape not permitted

## R403.4.2 – DHW Pipe Insulation

- **Mandatory:** Circulating hot water systems shall have automatic or readily accessible switch to turn off when not in use
- **Prescriptive:** R-3 pipe insulation required except for very short runs (indexed to pipe diameter)



# Ventilation *is* a Life Safety Issue



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## R403.5 – Mechanical Ventilation (Mandatory)

- IECC - meet IRC or IMC

IMC says ventilate if  $\leq 0.35 \text{ ACH}_n$

*and*

IECC - Building must be  $\leq 3 \text{ ACH}_{50}$

*therefore*

Under 2012 IECC, ventilation always required

# 780 CMR - Eighth Edition

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## R403.5 MA Amendments – Mechanical Ventilation

# R403.5 Mechanical Ventilation (Mandatory)

Each dwelling unit shall be provided with:

- Continual Exhaust *or*
- Balanced mechanical ventilation...
  - That has been site verified to meet minimum air flow per...



# R403.5 Mechanical Ventilation Options (Mandatory)

1. Energy Star Homes Version 3 *or*
2. ASHRAE 62.2 – 2013 *or*
3. The following formula:
  - $Q = .03 \times CFA + 7.5 \times (Nbr + 1) - .052 \times CFM50 \times \text{height ratio} \times \text{location factor}$

## Option 1- ENERGY STAR Homes V3

ENERGY STAR Homes V3 provides two options, ASHRAE 2010 formula or table:

- Ventilation Formula
  - $.01 \times \text{floor area} + 7.5 \times (N_{br} + 1)$
- Table

# Energy Star Table – ASHRAE 62.2 2010



3 Bedroom - 2,500 square feet

Floor Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Number of Bedrooms				
	0 - 1	2 - 3	4 - 5	6 - 7	7+
< 1,500	30	45	60	75	90
1,501 - 3,000	45	60	75	90	105
3,001 - 4,500	60	75	90	105	120
4,501 - 6,000	75	90	105	120	135
6,001 - 7,500	90	105	120	135	150
> 7,500	105	120	135	150	165

## Option 2 - ASHRAE 62.2 – 2013

- ASHRAE 62.2 – ventilation standard for low rise residential
- $CFM = .03 \times \text{floor area} + 7.5 \times (N_{br} + 1)$



# Energy Star Table – ASHRAE 62.2 2013



3 Bedroom - 2,500 square feet

Floor Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Number of Bedrooms				
	0 - 1	2	3	4	5
< 500	30	38	45	53	60
501 - 1,000	45	53	60	68	75
1,001 - 1,500	60	68	75	83	90
1,501 - 2,000	75	83	90	98	105
2,001 - 2,500	90	98	105	113	120
2501 - 3,000	105	113	120	128	135

## Option 3 - Formula

Q=

$$.03 \times \text{CFA} + 7.5 \times (\text{Nbr} + 1) - .052 \times \text{CFM50} \times \text{height ratio} \times \text{location factor}$$

ASHRAE 62.2 - 2013 with infiltration credit

# R403.5 Compare Options

## 2500 sf home – 3 bedrooms

Option	Compliance Metric	CFM
1a	E* STAR V3 ASHRAE 62.2- <b>2010</b> formula	55
1b	E* STAR V3 ASHRAE 62.2-2010 table	60
2a	ASHRAE 62.2 <b>2013</b> formula	105
2b	ASHRAE 62.2 2013 table	105
3	MA Calculation ASHRAE 2013*	85

## R403.5.2 – Ventilation System Testing (Mandatory)

Installed performance of the system shall be done by one of the following:

- HERS Rater
  - HERS Rating Field Inspector
  - BPI Certified Professional
  - BBRS *approved* Third party
- 
- Using RESNET, ACCA or BBRS approved equipment





## R403.5.3 Mechanical Ventilation (Mandatory)

Ventilation Equipment must be certified by:

- HVI (Home Ventilating Institute) *or*
- AMCA (Air Movement and Control Association)

## R403.5.4 Sounds Rating (Mandatory)

- 1 sone or less
- Exception – remote fans (4 ft)

## R403.5.5 Documentation (Mandatory)

- Provide occupant information
- Instruction on operation and maintenance
- Label controls



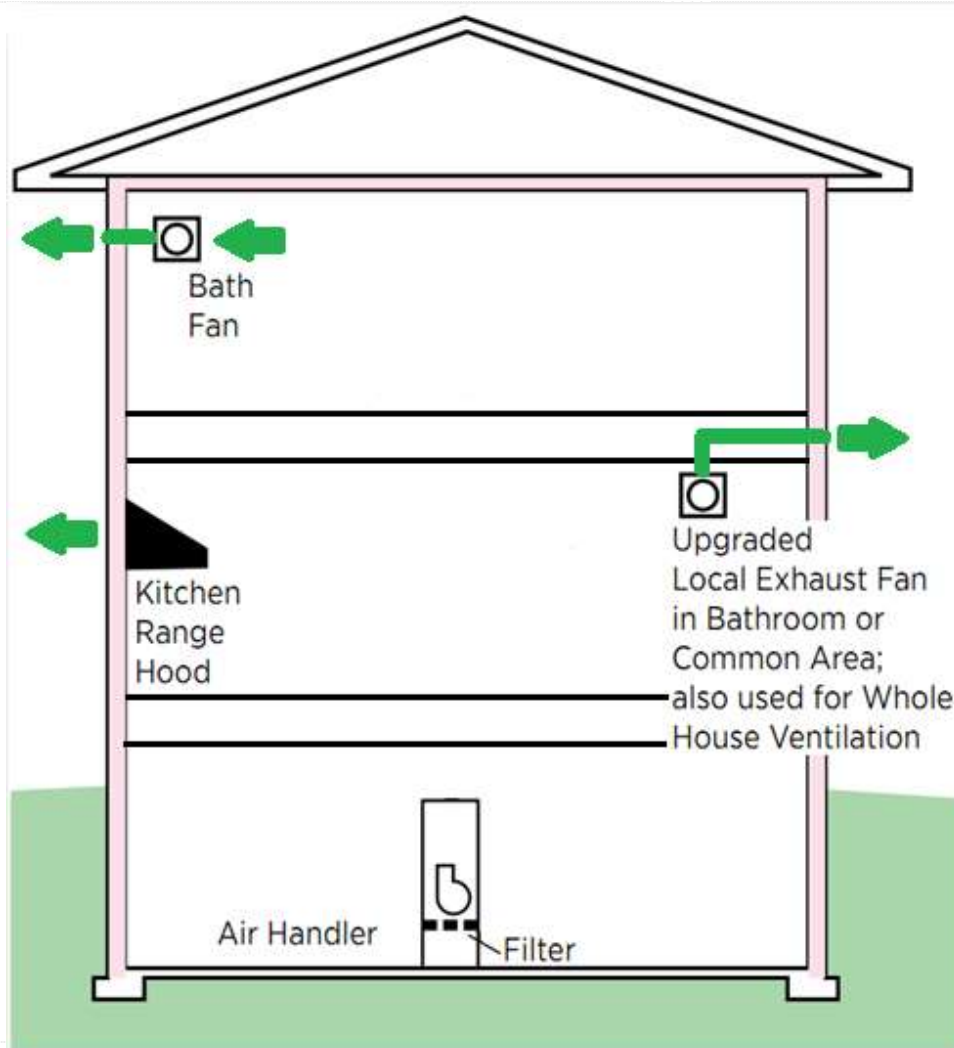
## R403.5.6 Air Inlets and Exhausts (Mandatory)

- Inlets
  - 10 ft from contamination sources
  - Rodent screen
- Inlets or exhaust
  - Less than 7 feet from grade
  - “MECH. VENT DIRECTLY BELOW KEEP CLEAR OF ALL OBSTRUCTIONS.”

# Ventilation Strategies

- Exhaust-only ventilation
- Balanced ventilation

# Exhaust-Only Ventilation



EPA – ENERGY STAR  
Homes

# Quiet Bath Exhaust Fan & Controller







# Advantages: Exhaust-Only

- Easy to install
- Simple
- Inexpensive: \$70 - \$300
- Reduces moisture loading of the wall assemblies

## Disadvantages: Exhaust-Only

- Make-up air takes path of least resistance
- Distribution effectiveness in larger homes
- Occupant interference
- Removes heated or cooled air
- Brings in heat/cold/moisture

# Improper Installation



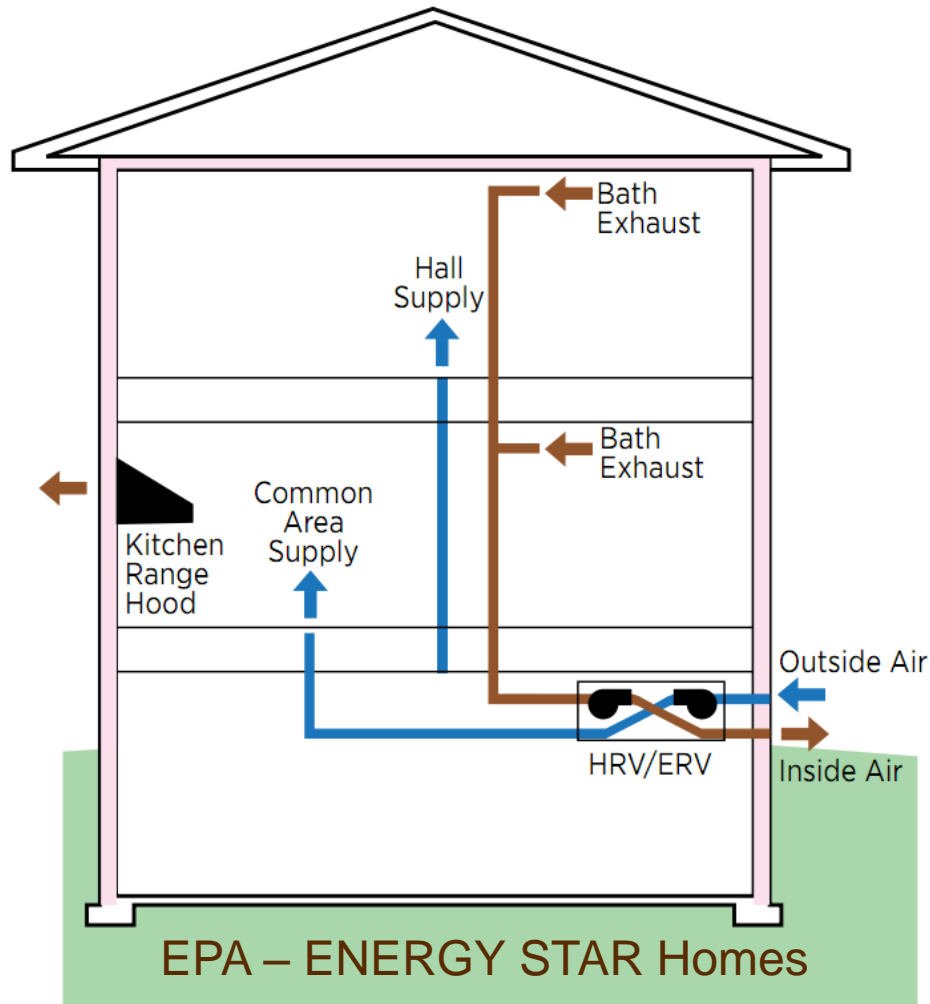
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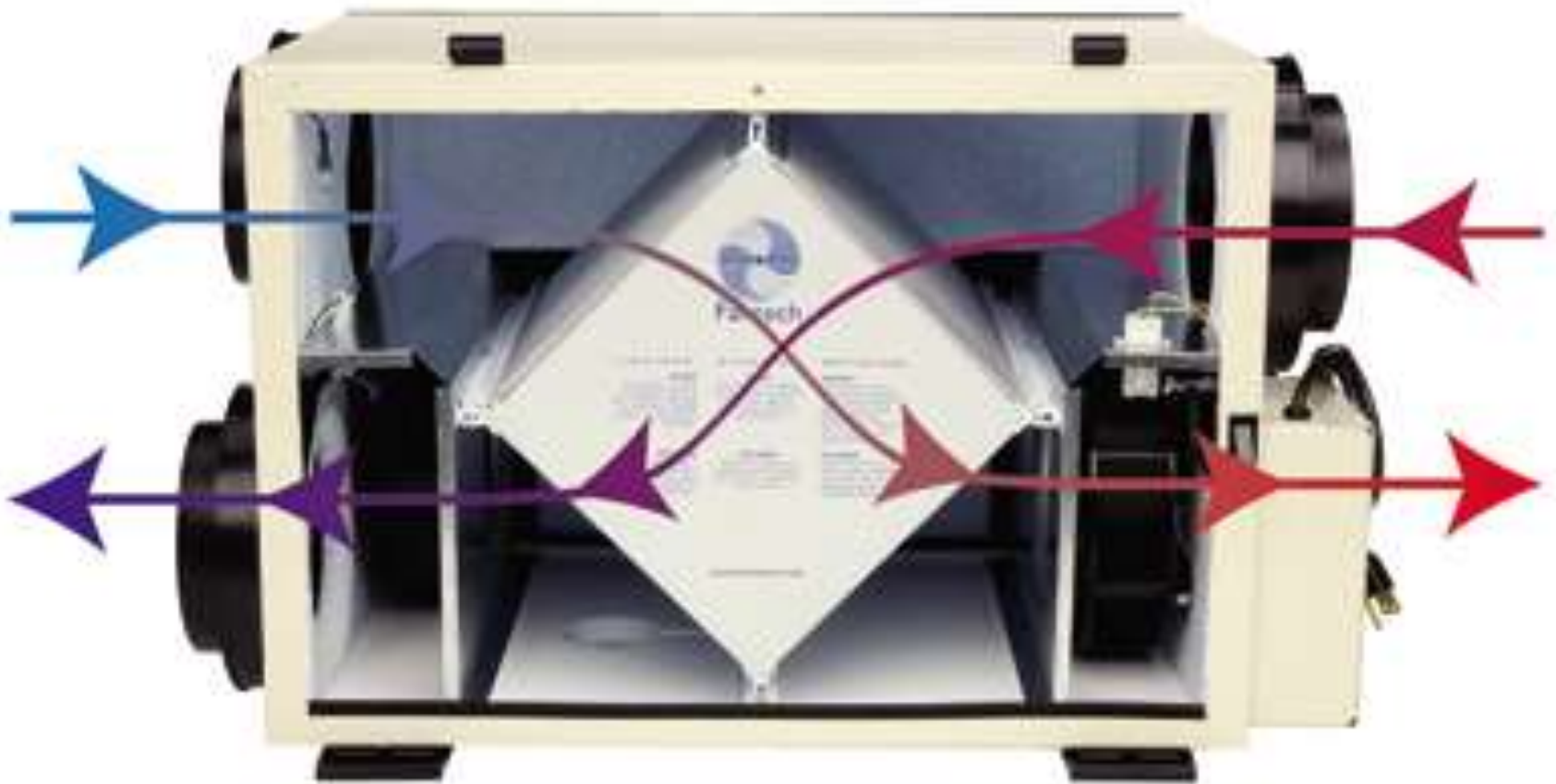


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# Balanced Ventilation





# Advantages: Balanced Ventilation

- No combustion impact
- Make-up air pathway is known
- Distribution is known
- Filtration
- No induced infiltration
- Recovers heat/cool/moisture
- Balanced pressure

# Disadvantages: Balanced Ventilation

- Cost
  - Installation: \$650 - \$1,700+
- Complexity
- Potential for over ventilation
- Higher electric loads



## R403.5.1 – Fan Efficacy (Mandatory)

### Mechanical Ventilation System Fan Efficacy

Fan Location	Flow Rate Min. (cfm)	Min. Efficacy (cfm/watt)
Range hoods	Any	2.8
In-line fan	Any	2.8
Bathroom utility room	10 – 90	1.4

Exception: **ECM** fans required if mechanical ventilation is integral to tested and listed HVAC equipment

# Bathroom Fans

Make	CFM	Watt	CFM/Watt	Type	Model #
Panasonic Whisper Green	80	7	11.4	ceiling mounted	FV-08VKS3
Panasonic Whisper Value	100	36.4	2.7	ceiling mounted	FV-10VS1
Broan-Nutone	80	7.6	10.5	ceiling mounted	ZN80
Broan-Nutone	110	70.5	1.6	ceiling mounted	QTRN110
Fantech	120	18	6.7	Inline	FR125
Fantech	150	80	1.9	Inline	FR110



# Heat/Energy Recovery Ventilators

Make	CFM	Watt	CFM/Watt	Sensible Recovery	Total Recovery	Type	Model #
Comfo Aire HRV	99	32	3.1	93%		HRV	CA 350 HRV
Renewaire	124	121	1.0	72%	46%	ERV	BR 130
Venmar	122	60	2.0	62%	52%	ERV	ASV
							ERV
							EKO 1.5
Fantech	84	40	2.1	54%		HRV	SH704
Lifebreath	117	67	1.7	78%		HRV	195ECM

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R403.5.7 MA Amendment

Combustion and Solid Fuel Burning  
Appliances



## R403.5.7 Combustion Appliances

- Furnaces, boilers, DHW appliances shall be:
  - Mechanically vented *or*
  - Direct vented *or*
  - Power vented/exhausted
- Exception:
  - Meet RESNET/BPI combustion safety test and limits for depressurization, spillage, draft pressure, and CO concentration in ambient air



## R403.6 – Equipment Sizing (Mandatory)

Heating and cooling equipment shall be *sized according to ACCA Manual S based on building loads calculated with ACCA Manual J* or other approved heating and cooling calculation methodologies

# R404.1 – Lighting Equipment (Mandatory)

- Minimum **75%** high-efficacy lamps in permanent fixtures
  - Exception – Low voltage lighting not required to use HE lamps





## R401.2 – Compliance

- Projects shall comply with
  - Mandatory Sections and  
either
  - Prescriptive  
or
  - Performance Sections

- Simulated energy performance analysis
  - Annual energy costs/source energy
- Allows for tradeoffs
  - Heating, cooling and DHW
- *Mandatory requirements still apply*

## R405.6 Software Calculation Tools

- REScheck – V4.4 or later
  - [www.energycodes.gov](http://www.energycodes.gov)
- RESNET accredited software





# R405.6 Simulated Performance Alternative

## 2012 IECC Energy Cost Compliance

Property  
Sample  
Any Road  
Grafton, MA

Organization  
Conservation Services Group  
1-800-836-9500  
HERS Rater

HERS  
Confirmed  
12/17/2013  
Rating No: 58751  
Rater ID: 9901142

Weather: Gloucester, MA  
Sample  
sample REM .blg

Builder  
Bob builder

Annual Energy Cost	2012 IECC	As Designed
Heating	1884	1812
Cooling	193	136
Water Heating	430	430
SubTotal - Used to Determine Compliance	2507	2378
Lights & Appliances	915	911
Photovoltaics	-0	-0
Service Charge	136	136
Total	3558	3425

### Mandatory Requirements

Duct Insulation R-Value Check (per Section 405.2)		
Minimum Duct Insulation (Design must be equal or higher)	6.0	6.0
Window U-Factor Check (Section 402.5)		
Window U-Factor (Design must be equal or lower)	0.480	0.290
Home Infiltration (Section 402.4.1.2)		PASSES
Duct Leakage (Section 403.2.2)		PASSES
Mechanical Ventilation (Section 403.5)		PASSES

This home **MEETS** the annual energy cost requirements of Section 405 of the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code based on a climate zone of 5A. In fact, this home surpasses the requirements by 5.1%.

Name	HERS Rater	Signature	
Organization	Conservation Services Group	Date	6 May 2014

### Mechanical Systems

Heating	Fuel-fired air distribution, 100.0 kBtu/h, 96.0 AFUE.
Cooling	Air conditioner, 36.0 kBtu/h, 13.0 SEER.
Water Heating	Conventional, Prop, 0.64 EF.
Window-to-Floor Area Ratio:	0.12
Blower door test	Htg: 2.63 Cfg: 2.63 ACH50

This Home **MEETS** the annual energy cost requirements of Section 405 of the 2012 IECC based on climate Zone 5A. In fact this home surpasses the requirements by 5.1%



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R405.6.2.1 MA Amendment

Approved Software Tools

Approved Alternative Energy Performance  
Methods

# R405.7 Approved Alternative Energy Performance Methods

Approved software to demonstrate code compliance in addition to IECC R405

- RESNET approved software for a HERS rating
  - HERS 65 or less – each dwelling unit w/o PV
  - ENERGY STAR Checklist verified by a HERS rater
- Passive House Institute (PHIUS) approved software
  - Specific space heat demand – 16KBtu/SF/YR
  - Certified Passive House Consultant
- **Mandatory provisions also apply**

# R405.7.1 Compliance Documentation

## Permit application

1. HERS Certificate – HERS 65 or less “based on plans”
  - a) Listing energy features
2. Passive House Planning Package (PHPP) Specific Space Heat Demand - “based on plans”
  - a) Listing compliance features

## Certificate of Occupancy

1. HERS Certificate – HERS 65 or less “final or confirmed”
  - a) Completed ENERGY STAR Thermal Enclosure Checklist
2. Passive House Planning Package (PHPP) Final Report
  - a) Specific Space Heat Demand –  $\leq 16 \text{ KBtu/SF/YR}$
  - b) Max design temps for load calcs – 72°F/74°F

# R405.7.1 Compliance Documentation

## Passive House Planning Package (PHPP) Final Report

### Energy Demands with Reference to the Treated Floor Area

Treated Floor Area:	1842	ft <sup>2</sup>				
	Applied:	Monthly Method		PH Certificate:		Fulfilled?
Specific Space Heat Demand:	15.58	kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)		4.75 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)		No
Pressurization Test Result:	0.60	ACH <sub>50</sub>		0.6 ACH <sub>50</sub>		Yes
Specific Primary Energy Demand (DHW, Heating, Cooling, Auxiliary and Household Electricity):	43.6	kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)		38.0 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)		No
Specific Primary Energy Demand (DHW, Heating and Auxiliary Electricity):	29.7	kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)				
Specific Primary Energy Demand Energy Conservation by Solar Electricity:	13.9	kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)				
Heating Load:	10.03	BTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> hr)				
Frequency of Overheating:		%	over	77.0 °F		
Specific Useful Cooling Energy Demand:	1.80	kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)		4.75 kBTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> yr)		Yes
Cooling Load:	4.65	BTU/(ft <sup>2</sup> hr)				









# (Home Energy Rating System) HERS

- Standardized measurement of a home's energy efficiency
- Requires a minimum of two on-site inspections by a professional home energy rater
- Raters are trained and certified under RESNET

# Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET)

- National, nonprofit HERS advocacy organization
  - [www.resnet.us](http://www.resnet.us)
  - Standards development and maintenance
  - Quality assurance oversight
- Recognized by:
  - Environmental Protection Agency – EPA
  - Department of Energy – DOE
  - Internal Revenue Service - IRS



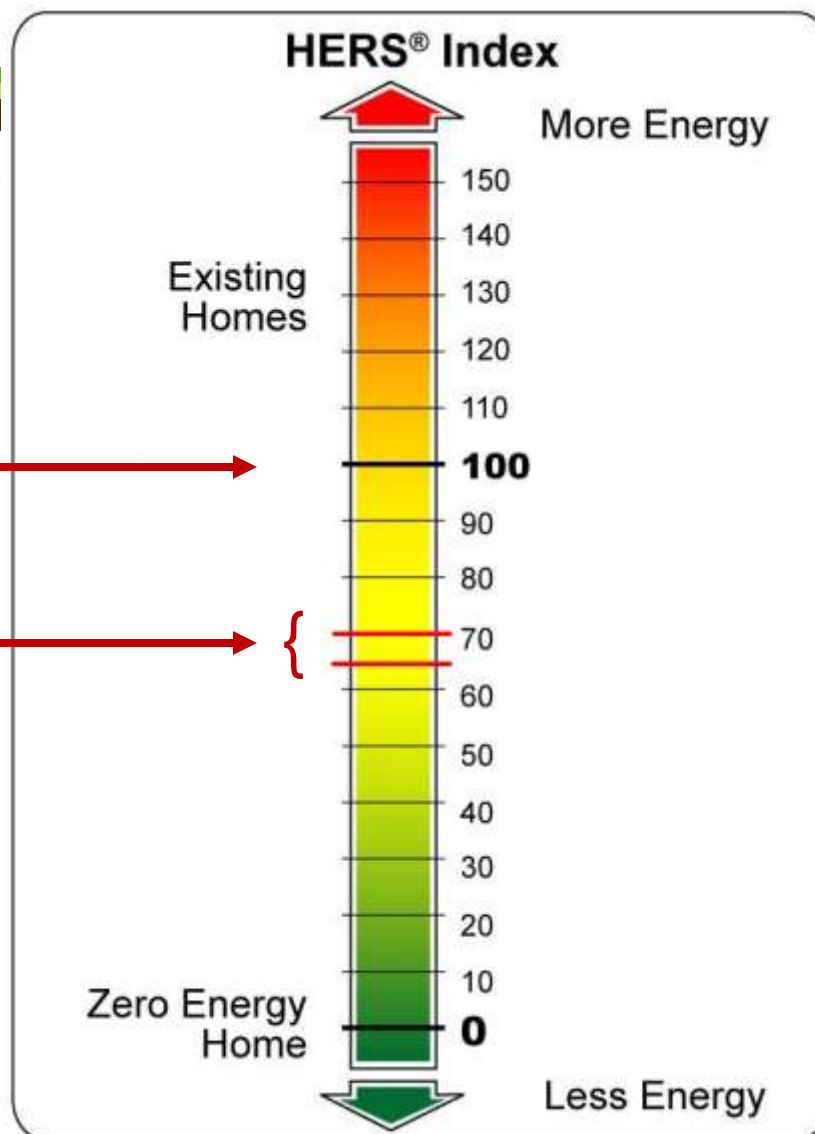
# HERS Index

- Compares rated home to reference home
- Reference Home
  - Based on 2004 International Code (IECC)
  - *Performance path*, not prescriptive (~2006)
  - Defined as 100 points
- 1% change in consumption of rated home (compared to reference home) = 1 point

# HERS Index

Baseline HERS Index

Stretch Code Targets  
(based on square footage)



- Preliminary energy model based on plans
- Field inspections
  - Insulation
  - Blower door test
  - Duct tightness test (if applicable)
  - Data collection
- Final model based on verified performance and installed equipment



# Inputs Necessary to Create a Model

- Thermal control layer
- Air leakage
  - Building
  - Ductwork
- Mechanical systems
- Lighting and appliances
- Renewable energy

# R405.7.1 Compliance Documentation

## Home Energy Rating Certificate



### General Information

Conditioned Area	<u>3202 sq. ft.</u>	House Type	Duplex, single unit
Conditioned Volume	28818 cubic ft.	Foundation	More than one type
Bedrooms	2		

### Mechanical Systems Features

Heating:	Fuel-fired air distribution, Propane, 96.0 AFUE.
Cooling:	Air conditioner, Electric, 13.0 SEER.
Water Heating:	Conventional, Propane, 0.64 EF, 50.0 Gal.
Duct Leakage to Outside	<u>98.73 CFM25</u>
Ventilation System	Exhaust Only; 55 cfm, 21.0 watts.
Programmable Thermostat	Heat=Yes; Cool=Yes

### Building Shell Features

Ceiling Flat	R-40.0	Slab	R-10.0 Edge, R-0.0 Under
Sealed Attic	NA	Exposed Floor	R-30.0
Vaulted Ceiling	NA	Window Type	U-Value: 0.290, SHGC: 0.280
Above Grade Walls	R-21.0	Infiltration Rate	<u>Htg: 2.63 Ctg: 2.63 ACH50</u>
Foundation Walls	R-0.0	Method	Blower door test

### Lights and Appliance Features

Percent Interior Lighting	100.00	Range/Oven Fuel	Propane
Percent Garage Lighting	100.00	Clothes Dryer Fuel	Propane
Refrigerator (kWh/yr)	451.00	Clothes Dryer EF	2.67
Dishwasher Energy Factor	0.82	Ceiling Fan (cfm/Watt)	0.00

The Home Energy Rating Standard Disclosure for this home is available from the rating provider.

REM/Rate - Residential Energy Analysis and Rating Software v14.4.1

This information does not constitute any warranty of energy cost or savings.

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Registry ID	915436931
Rating Number	58751
Certified Energy Rater	HERS Rater
Rating Date	12/17/2013
Rating Ordered For	Builder

### Estimated Annual Energy Cost

Use	MMBtu	Cost	Percent
Heating	62.1	\$1548	50%
Cooling	2.2	\$91	3%
Hot Water	17.6	\$432	14%
Lights/Appliances	23.5	\$911	29%
Photovoltaics	-0.0	\$-0	-0%
Service Charges		\$136	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>\$3118</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Criteria

This home meets or exceeds the minimum criteria for the following:  
EPA ENERGY STAR Version 2 Home

Senior Project Manager  
Conservation Services Group  
50 Washington St  
Westborough, MA 01581  
508-836-9500  
Fax #

Certified Energy Rater:



*Thank you!*

*Michael Schofield*



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